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Barbara Albert
8185 Highway 23
Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037

Re: **Louisiana Board of Ethics**
Docket No. 2020-703

Dear Ms. Albert,

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its meeting on November 6, 2020, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit you from providing business services to fellow employees of Plaquemines Parish School Board.

FACTS PROVIDED

You are currently employed as a Paraprofessional at Belle Chasse Middle School in Plaquemines Parish. You are also an independent contractor with LegalShield and IDShield. In exchange for a monthly fee, LegalShield offer customers access to affordable legal services. IDShield offers identity theft protection services, including online account and credit monitoring. You ask whether you can offer these services to other Plaquemines Parish School employees.

LAW

La. R.S. 42:1111C(2)(d) provides that no public servant shall receive anything of economic value for, or in consideration of services rendered, or to be rendered, to or for any person: (1) who has, or is seeking to obtain, a contractual, business, or financial relationship with the public servant's agency; (2) who conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the public employee's agency; or (3) who has substantial economic interests which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the public employee's official duty.

CONCLUSION

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the Code would not prohibit you from offering and providing compensated services to Plaquemines Parish School Board employees. However, the Board instructed me to caution you that Section 1111C(2)(d) does prohibit you from providing compensated services to any persons who

has a relationship with your agency, Belle Chasse Middle School, including the parents of your students. An information sheet regarding prohibited sources is enclosed. If you have any concerns regarding a potential client, the Board advises you to submit an additional advisory opinion request.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Lobbyist Disclosure Act, and conflict of interest provisions in the gaming laws.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800)842-6630 or (225)219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

David M. Bordelon
For the Board

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